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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE APPLICATION OF

AHMAD R. SALEH 17579400

TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of Ahmad R. Saleh's application for licensure by examination. Upon a review of the application, and the results of the Criminal History Background Check, it was ascertained by the Board that although the applicant had

indicated "no" in response to the questions relating to arrests and/or convictions on his application and on the criminal history background check, he had been charged with unauthorized absence over 30 days in 2008, while a member of United States Armed Forces, and was found guilty of that offense and sentenced to five months confinement. The applicant maintains that he did not intend to mislead the Board on his application, and he supplied documentation indicating that he had attempted to contact the Board in December of 2011, advising the Board that when he had been in the Armed forces at age 19, his mother had been diagnosed with cancer, and he panicked and went absent without official leave to care for his mother.

The Board finds that the applicant knew or should have known that by indicating "no" on the application in response to the questions about crimes or offenses charged and/or convictions he sustained, he was providing inaccurate information, and that he therefore engaged in misrepresentation on his application in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board finding that licensure as well as entry of the within order are appropriate, and that the within order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, as the charges appear to be an isolated youthful incident, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 19th DAY OF September, 2014

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- A \$500.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed upon the applicant for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and shall be submitted along with this signed order.
- The applicant's application for licensure shall be granted upon payment of all applicable fees and passing the required examination, if he has not already done so.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patrice Mughy PLD APA Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN, C

Board President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms.